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For: **BINARY TITANIUM-ZIRCONIUM ALLOY FOR SURGICAL IMPLANTS AND A SUITABLE MANUFACTURING PROCESS**

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**AMENDMENT**

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2006, a reply to which is due by August 15, 2006 with a Petition for Extension of Time of two months submitted herewith. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.